

## STILTSVILLE TIMELINE OF HISTORICAL EVENTS

1896	Henry Flagler extends the Florida East Coast Railway to Miami and builds the <i>Royal Palm Hotel</i> .
1912-1916	Carl Fisher develops Miami Beach.
pre 1920s	Ship traffic into Miami Harbor is around the southern tip of Cape Florida - the area that will later become Stiltsville.
prior 1937	The first <i>shack</i> in Stiltsville is built by <i>Crawfish Eddie</i> Walker.
1937	The second <i>shack</i> in Stiltsville is built by friends of <i>Crawfish Eddie</i> ; - Grady, Lee, & Edwards (they were all fishermen).
1940	Stiltsville's first private club opens in November; the <i>Quarterdeck Club</i> .
post 1940	The second club, the <i>Swan</i> was built. It later changed its name to the <i>Probus</i> .
1945	There are twelve private <i>shacks</i> and two clubs in Stiltsville.
post WWII	Stiltsville continues to grow.
1949	<i>Quarterdeck Club</i> is raided, but no evidence of gambling is found.
1950	Warren Freeman, a noted hotelman, purchases the <i>Quarterdeck Club</i> and attempts to legitimize the business into a high-class operation. Sustains major damage in a hurricane in the same year, and sells the club.
1950	The original Stiltsville shack built by <i>Crawfish Eddie</i> is lost in a hurricane.
1950s	There are proposals to develop the upper keys and to build a causeway from Key Biscayne to Soldier Key, Ragged Keys, Sands Key, and Elliott Key.
1950s	As Key Biscayne grows, the residents complain of the eyesore that Stiltsville presents. They refer to the Stiltsville residents as squatters and complain that they do not pay taxes.
early 1960s	State of Florida considers moving the Stiltsville residents out.
1960	Stiltsville has its largest population, twenty-seven buildings.
1960	After Hurricane Donna seven structures are left.
1961	<i>Quarterdeck Club</i> burns down on November 6.

- 1962 Pierre opens the *Bikini Club*.
- 1965 This is a turning point in the history of Stiltsville – a year of change that included more raids, scandals, the inauguration of the state lease system, building codes, family respectability, and Hurricane Betsy.
- 1965 (July) State Beverage Dept. raids *Bikini Club* and temporarily closes it.
- 1965 (Aug) Owners now have to sign leases with the State.
- 1960 to 1965 Stiltsville rebuilds between Hurricanes Donna and Betsy.
- 1965 (Sept) Hurricane Betsy destroys most of Stiltsville. No new construction permits are allowed. Only houses with less than 50% damage can be repaired. Seventeen structures remain.
- 1965 (Sept) After Hurricane Betsy, Dade County requires enforcement of building codes in Stiltsville.
- 1965 (Sept) *Bikini Club* is damaged beyond repair by Hurricane Betsy and does not reopen.
- 1966 (July) Since November 1965 the number of residents in Stiltsville increases by 240%.
- 1966 (Oct) The remains of the *Bikini Club* burn to the waterline.
- 1967 The last owner of the *Quarterdeck Club*, Karl Mongelluzzo, is prevented from building a new *Quarterdeck Club*.
- 1967 Institution of the lease system ended the use of commercial clubs in Stiltsville. The state no longer allows commercial operation of the leased campsites.
- 1968 “Stiltsville homes have lost some of their ‘chicken-coop’ design in recent years... In fact, Stiltsville is getting down right toney. When Hurricane Betsy churned up the bay several years ago its salty citizens were forced into an “urban renewal program” that has almost erased the city’s slums.” Series of quotes from Miami Herald news articles.
- 1969 Seventeen structures are present in Stiltsville
- 1969 “A watering hole for the rich.” *Tropic Magazine*.

- 1975        “We’re a family-type colony, not a scruffy bunch of squatters. The neighborhood has changed radically in the past few years. Now it looks like Millionaire’s Row.” quote by Judge Knuck, a resident of Stiltsville.
- 1980        Biscayne National Park’s northern boundaries are expanded. The area where Stiltsville is located is now within the National Park.
- 1992        Fourteen campsites or structures are present in Stiltsville prior to Hurricane Andrew .
- 1992        Hurricane Andrew leaves seven campsites or structures intact in Stiltsville.